

Biography

Lieutenant Colonel Matthew Weinrich
Commander
U.S. Army Parachute Team, "Golden Knights"



Personal Statistics

Hometown: Arlington Heights, IL
School Attended: Northern Illinois University

Biographical Sketch

Lieutenant Colonel Matthew J. Weinrich is a graduate of Northern Illinois University with a Bachelor of Arts in Sociology. He was commissioned through the Reserve Officer Training Corps program in June, 1996. LTC Weinrich's assignments include: Rifle Platoon Leader, 3rd Platoon, C Company, 1-508th Airborne Battalion Combat Team (ABCT); Rifle Company Executive Officer, B/1-508th ABCT; Battalion Assistant S-4, 1-508th ABCT; and Executive Officer, 501st Forward Support Company, 173rd Airborne Brigade, Vicenza, Italy. After returning from Italy, LTC Weinrich was assigned to Fort Hood, Texas, where he served as the III Corps G-3 Training, Combat Training Center Coordinator. He then assumed Command of C Company, 2-8 Infantry, 2BCT, 4ID in Iraq, where he commanded throughout Operation Iraqi Freedom I. Upon returning from Iraq, LTC Weinrich assumed command of HHC, 2-8 Infantry, Fort Hood, Texas. After completing his two Company Commands, LTC Weinrich was assigned to the 75th Ranger Regiment, conducting deployments with the Regiment and each Ranger Battalion supporting Special Operations Task Forces in Afghanistan and Iraq. LTC Weinrich then attended the U.S. Air Force's, Air Command and Staff College, earning a Master's Degree in Military Arts and Sciences. After graduating from ACSC, LTC Weinrich was assigned to 3BCT, 82nd Airborne Division, joining the BCT in Baghdad, Iraq as the Brigade Plans Officer and Chief of Operations. Upon return from Iraq, he was assigned as the S-3 Operations Officer for 1-505th PIR, 3BCT. He was then pulled up to be the Brigade Executive Officer for 3BCT, 82nd ABN DIV. LTC Weinrich was again selected to serve with the 75th Ranger Regiment as the Chief of Ranger Operations for the U.S. Army Special Operation Command's, Army Compartmented Element. He was selected to work directly for the USASOC Commanding General's Commander's Initiative Group before deploying again in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.



LTC Weinrich's awards and decorations include: the Bronze Star Medal w/ V Device, the Bronze Star Medal (OLC), Meritorious Service Medal (2 OLC), Joint Commendation Medal, Army Commendation Medal (1 OLC), Army Achievement Medal (1 OLC), National Defense Service Medal, Armed Forces Service Medal, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Iraq Campaign Medal, NATO Medal, Over Seas Ribbon and Army Service Ribbon, Combat and Expert Infantryman Badges, Master Parachutist Badge, and Ranger Tab. He has also earned the Belgian, British, German, and Tunisian Parachutist Badges.

LTC Weinrich is married to the former Leigh Russell of Panama City Beach, FL. They have a Daughter Grace, Son, Matthew, and Daughter, Matilda.

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